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Classified By: AMBASSADOR CAROL VAN VOORST, REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

(C) Post discussed reftel points -- on national force contributions needed to achieve NATO Response Force (NRF) full operational capability -- with Icelandic MFA Acting Political Director Thordur Bjarni Gudjonsson June 9. We explained that while we understood that Iceland was not among those nations targeted by SHAPE for specific unfilled items we hoped it would nevertheless help to diminish remaining shortfalls. Gudjonsson recalled Iceland's 2005 pledge of airlift to NRF 7 and reiterated Icelandic commitment to burden sharing with Allies. While noting that on a per capita basis Iceland's population of 300,000 has already given generously to the NRF, he promised that Reykjavik would look closely at what more it could now contribute.
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